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TAGS: PFOR, PINS

SUBJ: BASE MEDIA VISITS POSTPONED

1. AT REQUEST OF CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. KRIANGSAK CHOMANAN, BASE MEDIA VISITS PROPOSED FOR JAN. 31 AT UTAPAO AND FEB. 3 AT UBON HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.

2. GEN. KRIANGSAK EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ANY PRESS VISIT TO US-TENANTED MILITARY FACILITIES DURING THIS SENSITIVE TIME OF THAILAND'S POST-ELECTION PERIOD WHEN A NEW GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMED. HE RECOUNTED RTG EFFORTS TO AVOID PUBLICITY OF US MILITARY PRESENCE DURING RECENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN. HE WAS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE THAT EFFORT UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT TAKES OFFICE.

3. POLMIL COUNSELOR EXPRESSED US APPRECIATION RTG EFFORT TO AVOID UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY US MILITARY PRESENCE BUT POINTED OUT PRESS VISIT TO UTAPAO TO SEE BIRD AIR OPERATION MIGHT BE LESS SENSITIVE NOW THAN LATER, WHEN THAT ACTIVITY COULD POSSIBLY BE IN SURGE SITUATION. COUNSELOR ALSO CALLED KRIANGSAK'S ATTENTION TO FAA SECTION 659. KRIANGSAK INDICATED HE FAMILIAR WITH THAT LEGISLATION AND SHOWED RESENTMENT ANY EFFORT USE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AS ARM TWISTING IN MATTER INVOLVING THAI SOVEREIGN PEROGATIVE.

4. POLMIL COUNSELOR SAID IF JAN. 31 AND FEB. 3 UNACCEPTABLE FOR BASE MEDIA VISITS, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR GEN. KRIANGSAK TO APPROVE SOME DATE QUTE IN REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE UNQTE FOR THE VISITS. KRIANGSAK AGREED VISITS COULD OCCUR AFTER NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED, WHICH HE EXPECTED SOON. HE INDICATED WILLINGNESS APPROVE TIME FRAME FEB. 10-14 OR EVEN SOONER IF NEW GOVERNMENT IN OFFICE.

5. WHILE INFORMING NBC AND CBS OF DELAY OF VISITS, WE DID NOT USE PRECISE DATES DISCUSSED EVEN THOUGH GEN. KRIANGSAK HAD NO OBJECTION OUR DOING SO. PRECISE DATE FOR BASE MEDIA VISIT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE CONTIGENT ON PRIOR COORDINATION WITH WASHINGTON.

6. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH CINCPAC PA/LNO IN UTAPAO.

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